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For: "METHOD FOR THIOSULFATE	)	<u>Filed Electronically</u>
LEACHING OF PRECIOUS METAL-	)	
CONTAINING MATERIALS"	)	
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

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Sir:

Applicants submit this Amendment and Response to address the Office Action having a mailing date of December 31, 2007. Please credit any overpayment or charge any underpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are shown in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.